

All ate and were filled

MATTHEW 14:20





+ The 10th Sunday After Pentecost +

August 5-6, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

REGARDING COMMUNION

*When we gather at the Lord's Table, the cup of blessing we receive is a sharing in the blood of Christ; the bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We who are many are one bread and body in Christ (I Cor. 10:16-17). As a people baptized into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to us in this holy meal to renew us individually and together in our life of faith and following him. **Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.***

*If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer for Communion,
please let Pastor or an Elder know.*

Liturgical Color:

Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit. **A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there's a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time.** Do you have any questions about anything here? Don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders or talk to the pastor.

Prelude

(Prayer request cards will be collected by an usher passing through the aisle.)

Invocation Hymn "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives", #602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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Please rise.

Divine Service, Setting Four **Confession and Absolution**

Invocation and Confession & Absolutionpage 203

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
P Since we are gathered . . . God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
P Almighty God, . . . through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful", #955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Kyriepage 204

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis.....page 204

C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation.....page 205

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading..... **Isaiah 55:1-5**

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual..... (*spoken in unison*)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33, 36)

Epistle Reading..... **Romans 9:1-13**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

Alleluia and Verse..... *page 205*



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy GospelMatthew 14:13-21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed page 206

**I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,**

begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”, #686*



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Sermon “Here for Our Every Hunger & Thirst”

Offering & Offertory

Please rise.

Prayer of the Church

- Lord, in your mercy.
- Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy *pages 208-210*

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.**
- Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.**
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- It is truly good, right, and beneficial . . . evermore praising You and saying:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Agnus Deipage 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated, until motioned to rise & proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing.

Instrumental Lorraine Miller

(Sunday Only)

Communion Hymn "Be Present at Our Table, Lord", #775

Be pres - ent at our ta - ble, Lord; Be here and
 ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and
 grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.

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Communion Hymn *"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy", #774*

Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners
 poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
 food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,
 May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in
 heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Communion Hymn *"O Living Bread from Heaven", #642*

1	O	liv - ing	Bread	from	heav - en,	How	well	You
2	My	Lord,	You	here	have	To	this	most
3	You	gave	me	all	I	This	food	can
4	Lord,	grant	me	then,	thus	With	heav'n - ly	
					strength - ened			



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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Please rise.

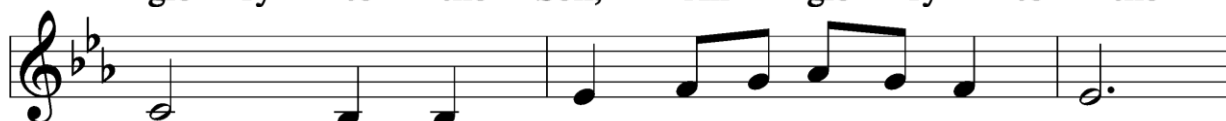
Post Communion Canticle..... *“Nunc Dimittis” page 211*



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect..... page 212

Benedicamus and Benediction..... page 212

Sending Hymn “Praise and Thanksgiving”, #789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise
 liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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Dismissal..... (Bethlehem’s Mission)

- Grow in Christ,
- Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude

Next week's readings:

OT: Job 38:4-18; Epistle: Romans 10:5-17; Gospel: Matthew. 14:22-33

Attendance Last Saturday: 46	Attendance Last Sunday: 51
Total Offering: \$12,087.78	Missions: \$0.00
Home Use: \$1,996.00	Benevolences: \$10,091.78

Serving us:

Elders Ricky Bertels (Sat) Willie Crespo, Alan Miller (Sun)
Musicians Jerrode Marsh, Lorraine Miller
Altar Committee Peggy Hoyer (Chair), Mary Creswell
Stephanie Schumaker, Lauren Schumaker
Flower Committee Penny Humphrey (Chair), Diana Holland

This Week's Schedule

Sunday		Rummage Sale- <i>set up begins</i>
	4:00 p.m.	Book Study at VanWey's (potluck)
	2:00 p.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	7:00 p.m.	Ezekiel Bible Study
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale begins
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale
	5:30 p.m.	Worship/Campus Ministry Weekend
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education (K-Adult)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Campus Ministry Weekend
	2:30 p.m.	Country Club Care & Arbors' services

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in celebration of **Larry and Karen Haase's** anniversary on August 6th! We pray that Christ's love continues to abound in their life together, and that they know his every goodness and grace.

Prayers

For Roy & Judy Schache as they return to us from Papua New Guinea this week! May the Lord bless their farewells and homecoming and make gratitude for the One Holy Church throughout the world.

Of Thanksgiving for our Head Elder Willie Crespo and our Circuit Visitor—Pr. Jacob Mueller of Holy Cross, Emma—for representing well our circuit congregations at this past week’s LCMS convention in Milwaukee!

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Charlie Becker, Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Mark Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, George Goldsmith (Steve’s dad), Karen Haase, Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Lloyd McCarter, Jeannie Peterson, Judy Pierce, Jennifer Pint, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, Melvin Theroff, and & Joe Zeman.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden and Ty Carter.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you’re feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Gratitude

Sabbatical Thanks—I am truly grateful for all of Bethlehem’s leaders and members in making this a reality for me! I did a lot of traveling (six states in all) and had time to myself, as well as with friends and relatives not seen in a long time. I only made a dent in reading my stack of unfinished books, but I did get some writing projects done and attended the superb writing and arts workshop in Seattle toward the end of the month. *Sabbatical* comes from the word *Sabbath* (which means “to cease or stop”) and is all about rest and renewal for the work the Lord has given. It certainly was that for me in many ways! Much gratitude in Christ—Pr. Joel.

Special Days for Members This Week

Birthdays—Colin Hart-5th, Kelly Malcolm-5th, Jack Easterwood-6th, Felisa Brown-7th, Bob Johansen-10th, Alan Miller-11th, **Anniversaries**—Ted and Linda Tomblinson-6th, Tommy and Liz Fatka-7th.

Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday’s Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Campus Ministry Weekend will be observed next weekend, **August 12 & 13!** The Director of the Lutheran Student Center, Pastor Jon-Michael Schweigert—along with students involved at the LSC—will be here to share about the Gospel witness that happens there on the edge of the UCM campus. *Those who would like to sponsor a Thursday evening meal* prior to their weekly Bible study can donate \$40 for that (checks may be sent to the Lutheran Student Center, 215 S. Holden, Warrensburg), or bring a meal to cook and serve, then stay and mingle with the students. **The Welcome Back BBQ** will be held on **August 17 from 5-7 p.m.** for all current university students!

Sunday School and Christian Education

Care Center Services—everyone is invited to go to the Country Club and Arbors services on **Sunday, August 13 at 2:30 p.m.** We will be singing and spreading some good cheer to the residents at each place. The Country Club service has been long-standing monthly occurrence, but the Arbors is new ... and we have members in both facilities.

Wednesday Bible Study—We've started exploring the last book of the Old Testament—the book of the Hebrew prophet Malachi. Join us in the conference room **from 10:30 'til noon** to see how this is the perfect lead-in to the New Testament fulfillment in Christ Jesus.

Thursday Bible Study—Pastor Ricky is holding a Bible Study on the Old Testament book of Ezekiel on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend & learn about the word of the Lord that Ezekiel prophesied long ago and its meaning for us still.

Combined Summer Sunday School & Bible Study/Faith Formation will continue happening thru September 3rd! We are having family-style Sunday School **each Sunday morning at 9:15** in the church basement/fellowship hall. Whether you are part of a large family, small family, or are single, we hope you can join us for this opportunity to learn about God's love and grace in an intergenerational setting.

Book Study: *The Spiritually Vibrant Home*—Jeremy VanWey and Rebecca Holland are hosting a book study on **the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 4-7 p.m.** Resources from Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Households of Faith" kit will be being used for the study. *Each evening includes a potluck meal.* Children are welcome and the chaos that shall ensue is just an average day around our house. Please RSVP to Rebecca (660-441-1271) if you are interested in attending.

Youth Activity

Third Sunday @ 3—Junior and Senior high school youth will be getting together then—**August 20**—to spend some time playing sand volleyball, talking about summer, and enjoying each other's company as brothers and sisters in Christ. Plan to be here!

Opportunities to Serve

Bulletin Board—A section of the bulletin board at the North entrance has been dedicated to our congregation members who are home-bound and in nursing homes. Please check it out to see how you can reach out to those who can no longer come to services regularly. Send a card or leave one in the pocket on the board to be delivered during a visit. If you have a picture of a loved one you can share, please send it to Rebecca to have it posted!

Rummage Sale!—Items can be brought in through **August 9**. Big items can be brought in starting Monday. All items must be in clean, working condition. The sale will be held on Friday, August 11 from 10am-7pm and Saturday, August 12 from 8am-1pm. Please sign up by the mailboxes to work during the sale. **Any and all help will be needed the week of the sale to set things up.** Please contact Peggy Hoyer or Barb Chasar with any questions.

How Do Our Gardens Grow? Well, but better with your help! **Come help with our gardens and greenspaces on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of August from 9:00 a.m. until noon or so** and enjoy the stewardship and harvest of the Lord's bounty here.

Fellowship

Exercise Class happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Everyone is welcome to come to this fellowship time.

This & That

Lutheran Layman's League is needing some volunteers to sit at the LLL table during the State Fair in Sedalia. The fair is scheduled from **August 10th through the 20th**. If you have some spare time contact Sharon Hutcheson at 660-287-4851 or 660-826-0141 or email at: *dshutch7@hotmail.com*.

Concordia Fall Festival 5k—Ready, set, let's go! **The annual Concordia Fall Festival 5K returns on September 9, 2023.** With each step in this race, you empower Lutheran Bible Translators to take major strides in its mission. How? All proceeds go to fuel Bible printing and distribution. 3,552 language communities still don't

have access to the complete Bible. It's time to change that. **Register today for \$25 at <https://lbt.org/5k>. Sign up before August 21 to guarantee a race-day shirt!**

The **Concordia Music Conservatory** is now accepting enrollment applications for fall semester private music lessons in keyboard, winds, brass and voice. Private lessons are available for all levels and age groups. New fall course offerings are several ensembles: beginning guitar (grades 5-12th/9 weeks); handbell exploration (grades 3-8th/9 weeks); Concordia Community Kinderchor (grades 4-8th/15 weeks); Concordia Community Kleinkinderchor (K-3rd/15 weeks). All ensembles and lessons are held on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia and are led by highly qualified music instructors. For more information or to get enrollment forms you may email info@cmc-music.org, or call 660-624-7950. You can also visit the Concordia Music Conservatory Facebook page and share this information as well.

Medical & Dental Care/Housing Assistance—Katy Trail Community Health continues to be in Warrensburg each Tuesday from **9am to 3pm** for the Johnson County Resource Center—in the basement fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church (located beyond The Food Center's back 137 E. Culton lot, where the mobile clinic unit is). A free lunch is served **from 11:30am-1pm**, plus case managers from Journey Home are present to help with housing and employment needs. All are welcome, and financial assistance for medical & dental treatment is available! **The mobile dental clinic will only be present for the 2nd & 4th Thursdays (from 9am to 3pm as well) in August; lunch is served as well. Call 877-733-5824 to schedule an appointment, and make sure to refer others who might be in need.**

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support in shining the light of Christ! If you'd ever like to hear some of the stories of how these funds have been used, just ask Pr. Joel.

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· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for live streaming on the web, viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.